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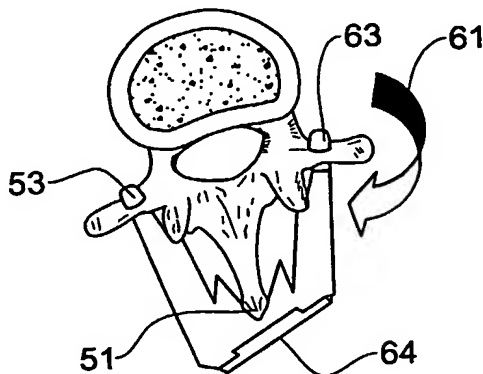
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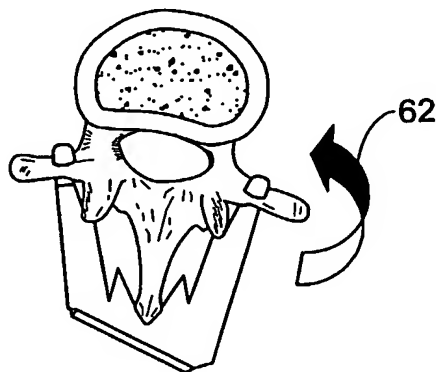
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(57) Abstract: The present invention concerns implant for treating rotational malfunction of the spinal column comprising a linear plate, a set of retractors and clamping means. The present invention further concerns a method for treating Scoliosis by the implan-
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